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26	OK	001	626	00:01:22	RCV	16506181679	OCT-18	21:20	050FC00008060
27	OK	001	627	00:00:45	RCV	16506181679	OCT-18	21:22	050FC00008070
28	OK	001	628	00:00:44	RCV	16506181679	OCT-18	21:23	050FC00008070
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34	OK	001	634	00:00:47	RCV	16506181679	OCT-18	21:29	050FC00008070
35	OK	001	635	00:00:49	RCV	16506181679	OCT-18	21:30	050FC00008070
36	OK	001	636	00:00:45	RCV	16506181679	OCT-18	21:31	050FC00008070
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